

REMARKS

Claims 20-28 and 31 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 20 is amended based on the reasons for allowance of claim 31 included in the May 3, 2007 Office Action. Support for the amendment can be found throughout Applicant's specification. Thus, no new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

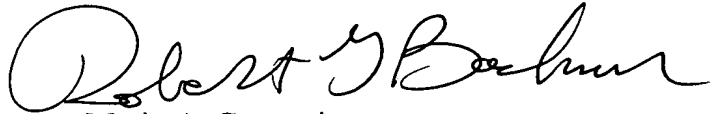
Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claim 31. Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance as detailed below.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Glenn (U.S. Patent No. 7,230,646); claims 20, 21 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Esser (U.S. Patent No. 4,799,109); claims 22 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Esser in view of Gallagher (U.S. Patent No. 6,765,611); claims 23 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Esser in view of Morris (U.S. Patent No. 6,665,010); and claims 24 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Esser in view of Tanaka (U.S. Patent No. 6,982,751). Claim 20 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 31 rendering the rejection of claim 20 moot. Further, the rejections of claims 21-28 also are rendered moot for at least the dependence of these claims on claim 20 and for the separately patentable features that these claims recite.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 20-28 and continued allowance of claim 31 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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